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HERE'S NERVE!

The cheek of some people surpasses everything. A few weeks ago the City Council ordered the Chief of Police to close the gambling houses.

He refused to do so.

Instead of closing them the Chief of Police simply pays no attention to them, and thus he shows his contempt for the City Council.

Recently, without the advice or concurrence of the Aldermen, the Mayor and Chief of Police appointed five new police inspectors and a raft of new police captains.

Now the Council is to be asked to concur in this work.

The Chief, who refuses to obey the Council's gambling order, says:

"The people have demanded greater efficiency and stricter responsibility in the Police Department, and we are trying to give it to them. Of course we must be supported by the people and by their representatives in the Council. Certainly the new system was not provided for in the existing ordinances, because the system did not then exist. In simple words, we have reorganized the police force upon a plan we believe to be responsible, and which will work well for the efficiency of the force. In this progressive movement the people and the Council must support us; that is all there is to it. If the Council makes the necessary additional appropriation to provide for this system and give it a fair trial then it will stand. If the Council should not do so, why of course the department would be helpless in the matter. Certainly the Council owes to the public as efficient and responsible a police service as we can secure."

This is rich!

When the "representatives of the people" assemble in the City Council and order the closing of the gambling houses, the Chief of Police refuses to obey them.

When the Chief of Police and Mayor want several high-salaried jobs created, they talk to the "representative of the people" about "the efficiency of the police force."

What rot!

A SPECIAL GRAND JURY.

The necessity for a special Grand Jury has been emphasized by the actions of the January body.

Public confidence in the Grand Jury system has received another set-back, and one from which it will not recover very soon.

Upon every street corner the gamblers have been crowing over the victory over law and order, and Hankins has repeatedly declared that no indictment would or could be found against him.

Some people declared, with great emphasis, that the present Grand Jury had determined that no special jury would be called during its term of office to interfere with the gamblers, and that it had therefore determined to sit during every day that was allotted to it, even if it did nothing.

There is some semblance of truth in this declaration.

On some days the January Grand Jury heard but one witness and then

adjourned without taking a vote on the question of the gamblers.

Every day thus fooled away cost Cook County \$34.50 in cash, and a great deal more in dignity, for the people were treated to the spectacle of a judicial farce.

And then look at the spectacle presented by the city authorities!

The Mayor, Chief of Police, and the lubberly detectives employed to look after gamblers, reported that there was no gambling going on in Chicago.

They did this brazenly and boldly, in the face of testimony of wailing victims and their own knowledge to the contrary.

Hankins must be sent to Joliet. He will be sent there.

The special Grand Jury soon to be called will vindicate the law and settle the gamblers.

THE KNOW-NOTHINGS.

The American League proposes to take an active part in the coming spring campaign.

It has inaugurated a crusade against the Roman Catholic aldermen and has already mapped out its programme.

The enterprise of THE EAGLE displays in another column some of the designs of the "Deputy" outfit.

THE EAGLE has its eyes on those boys, and it will expose every scheme that they concoct against the welfare of their fellow-citizens.

It was sincerely hoped by all good men that the days of bigotry were over; but from the proceedings of last Monday night's meeting of the American League it will be seen that they are not.

The report of the "Committee on Political Action" of the Know-Nothing Society is printed elsewhere in this edition in full.

Every liberal-minded citizen should read it. It throws a flood of light upon the actions of some men in the community.

THE EAGLE hopes that the exposure of the doings of these narrow-minded persons will prove of some avail.

At all events, it has exposed them, and it will continue to combat their peculiar methods.

A DEMOCRATIC ALDERMAN'S VIEW.

"Gambling is an injury to any party that tolerates it," said Alderman McEnerney, "whether it be the Democratic, Republican, Labor, or any other party. There is only one way to get rid of it, and that is to prosecute it rigorously wherever it is found to exist and inflict imprisonment as a punishment to all those found engaged in it. It is not enough to fine them, but if you send them to the bridewell you put a stigma on it that will prevent any but those who do not mind being considered gamblers having anything to do with it. I think of all those opposed to allowing gambling houses to the labor element should be the most so, for they lose more than any other class in the gambling houses. These thrive at their expense. The labor people should be in favor of having every gambling house in the city closed."

STILES ON GAMBLING.

"The permission of gambling is a detriment to any party," said Gen. L. N. Stiles, "that wants to assume an attitude of moral character. I do not think that any political party can lend its countenance to wickedness and vice of any kind and profit by it in the long run. I never have been a believer in the wisdom of trying to conciliate the vicious classes with the hope of gaining their support. The vicious classes are in a minority. The majority of the people incline to do good, and I believe in uniting that class of people against the vicious. I believe it would not only be right but wise—politically wise—for the Democratic party to pursue that course."

PRESIDENT OF THE IROQUOIS.

Gen. H. J. Smith, President of the Iroquois Club, said to the reporter of a morning paper: "If I were Mayor and I found that there was gambling going on I would wipe it out in three days."

There is some semblance of truth in this declaration. I think it should be put down in an issue of any community in which it is allowed to exist, irrespective of any party interests whatever. I think it is the duty of the Mayor to stop it, that is if there are any laws or ordinances empowering him to do so."

THE RACE-TRACK.

The fact that George Hankins dominates the racing interests in Chicago is commencing to disturb a great many good people.

People do not care about patronizing tracks where fair racing is a thing of the past.

The "Chicago Stables" have destroyed interest in a popular sport in Chicago.

NICE POLICEMAN.

Capt. Schuettler was kicked out of a North Side man's house and he had the man indicted.

He was kicked in a Randolph street saloon and he shot the kicker.

It is too bad for the police force that one of its captains is going around getting himself kicked.

But it is that kind of a force.

BOSS HANKINS.

Dinner-pail George Hankins is busily engaged in making up a list of delegates to the next Democratic City Convention. He is determined to force the renomination of his friend Cregier.

AMSTEIN AND MILLER.

The special Grand Jury should not fail to indict Officers Amstein and Miller.

Their testimony before the January Grand Jury will settle them sure.

SUMMON THE OWNERS.

The owners of gambling-house property should be summoned before the special Grand Jury to testify.

How would the owner of 14 Quiney street do for a witness?

CONRAD SEIPP.

In the death of Conrad Seipp the business community loses an honest and upright member and the city of Chicago one of its very best citizens.

COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS ICEBERGER is talked of by some Democrats for State Treasurer. Just think of it!

The Randolph street "L" road should be knocked out.

CREGIER cannot prevent the indictment of Hankins.

THE Lake street "L" will bear watching.

WHAT do you think of the Know-nothings?

The special Grand Jury is coming sure.

POLITICAL POINTERS.

HON. JOHN SPRY, the great lumberman, has repeatedly demonstrated his great popularity under unfavorable circumstances. Every time that he has been nominated for office by the Republican party he has run far ahead of his ticket. It is not strange, therefore, that his name is being prominently mentioned in connection with the nomination for Sheriff next fall. Mr. Spry can generally be relied upon to run from 3,000 to 5,000 ahead of his ticket.

MR. OWEN MURRAY seems bound to be carried into the political swim, even though it be much against his will. Some out-of-town Democrats having started to boom him for State Treasurer, the young Democrats of the First District declare that they want him to run for Congress. They say that they can elect Mr. Murray beyond any question or doubt.

CHILLY WILLY DEVINE will not run for any office this year. This will be good news for the ice-men.

CYLLERTON and Whiskers are out.

THE Mayor is mad about the exposure of the conduit scheme.

DEMOCRATS are already talking about their next Mayoralty candidate, and Hon. John A. King and Gen. Walter C. Newberry appear to be the favorites.

WHEATON'S COLLEGE STUDENTS will be a candidate for reelection.

CHIEF OF POLICE MASON can we cross the salary line, anyway, if he does nothing else.

DEMOCRATS are talking up Mr. C. E. Dwyer, the popular banker, for State Treasurer.

EAGLETS.

ECUADOR has prohibited Chinese immigration.

OF China's 300,000,000 people one-tenth are agriculturists.

THERE has been an extraordinary epidemic of suicides in the German army of late. In one month twenty-eight officers shot themselves.

NEW YORK last year spent \$17,000,000 on her public schools, hiring 31,987 teachers to instruct 1,803,667 pupils.

NOT many years since Italy was paying \$6,000,000 for the maintenance of its penal system and \$5,400,000 for educational purposes.

ONE MILLION DOLLARS in gold coin weighs 3,685 pounds avoirdupois, and \$1,000,000 of silver coin weighs 58,920.9 pounds avoirdupois.

THE condition of a certain cat in Lamoine, Me., is literally at sixes and sevens. She has seven toes on her hind feet and six on her fore feet.

THE Mexican Government has lately ordered 1,000,000 grape cuttings from California, and will distribute them free to all who wish to plant them in Mexico.

MRS. JOHN A. LOGAN is doing remarkably well with her new magazine. She is living at her home in Calumet Place, and she has her regular hours of editorial work.

A FARMER living between Marceline and Brookfield, Mo., found thirty-seven bee trees during the summer and fall, and as a consequence has on hand more than a barrel of strained honey.

THE average pay of locomotive engineers on passenger trains in the South is three cents for every mile run; for freight train engineers it will average about four cents per mile.

THE gunning dog belonging to Jacob Hendricks, of Swamp, Berks County, Pa., was stolen a few nights ago and tied to a tree in the woods. When recovered it was nearly famished, and had almost gnawed the tree down.

THERE are 686 periodical publications in Russia. Seventy-eight of them are political and news dailies; 109 are scientific, 86 religious, 15 artistic, 33 agricultural, 82 statistical and bibliographical, 15 pedagogic, 13 for children, and the rest miscellaneous.

THERE is no officer in the United States navy who has participated in a greater number of battles than Rear Admiral Melancthon Smith. He fought through the Mexican war, and during the war of the rebellion he was in the thick of much of the fighting along the coast.

QUEEN VICTORIA admires American oysters. On a recent outgoing steamer were a dozen barrels of Long Island oysters bound for Windsor Castle. They have been selected with great care, and their shells have been sand-papered and polished until they are as smooth as a well-worn pocket-book.

THE stock of the Chemical bank in New York is held at a higher premium than any other. The par value is \$100, but not a share can be purchased. Twenty shares were sold a short time ago in closing up an estate, and each sold—not for \$100, but for \$4.195 at auction. The stock declares a dividend of 25 per cent. monthly.

A FRIEND and admirer once said to Robert Browning: "I have studied long upon this passage in your poem, and am unable to comprehend it. Pray, tell me, what is the idea embodied in it?" Mr. Browning read the passage over and replied: "Really, I cannot tell; but I believe it will be worth your while to keep on studying it."

AN eccentric old German living in the town of Milwaukee recently went to the city and chartered a street-car for his exclusive use. He rode all over the line and would not permit anybody to get in the car with him. At another time he attempted to charter a special train to take him to his station, some four or five miles north of the city.

A FRANKLIN editor happened to mention to a friend on Christmas day that, among other things he really wanted, was an extra pair of suspenders. Before the day was over half the stores in town had sold all the suspenders they had and enough of those articles to last him for 150 years were in the possession of the editor.

A FRENCH VOYAGEUR paper has this item: "A school teacher at Kootenay, B. C., recently saw a person in an Eastern paper soliciting correspondence, etc. He took a flyer and received in return a check for \$20 to come to Minneapolis and get a bride. The day of the marriage he will also get a bank book covering a deposit of \$100,000 subject to his order."

OBITUARY.

CONRAD SEIPP.

Conrad Seipp, President of the Conrad Seipp Brewing Company, and also of the West Side Brewing Company, died at his residence, 3301 Michigan avenue, Tuesday morning, of pneumonia, resulting from an attack of la grippe.

The deceased gentleman, who was one of the best-known German residents of Chicago, was born at Langen, near Frankfurt-on-the-Main, September 27, 1828. He was early apprenticed to the carpentering trade, and when he had mastered that business and attained his majority he came to America, landing in 1849. He settled first at Rochester, N. Y., but after a few months became impressed with the vast possibilities of the West, so he came to Chicago, arriving here in the fall of the year. He started a carpenter-shop which prospered, and in 1854 commenced the brewing business, which has made him one of our wealthiest citizens. The first brewery was erected at the foot of Fourteenth street, near the Illinois Central round-house. This was burned in the fall of '55, but with characteristic energy work was at once commenced and a new building was put up on the site of the present brewery. In 1857 he formed a partnership with Frederick Lehmann, which connection lasted until the death of the latter in 1872, when Mr. Seipp bought out the entire interest of his late partner's heirs, and in 1876 organized the brewing company which bears his name. He became President of that and the West Side Brewing Company, in which he was also very largely interested, and continued at the head of these institutions until his death. For the past year Mr. Seipp had been in poor health and unable to attend actively to business. A short time ago he was attacked by la grippe, which developed a week since into pneumonia, resulting in his death at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Few men have died in the city who left more friends behind them than did Mr. Seipp. He was honored in life, and his memory will be honored for years to come.

EX-LIEUT. GOV. BROSS.

William Bross, President of the Tribune Company, died at his residence in the Beaurivage Flats at a late hour Monday night. The demise of the veteran journalist and politician was not unexpected, as he had been a sufferer from a kidney complaint for years, and two years ago received a stroke of paralysis, which seriously interfered with the active discharge of his duties. The recent death of his old business associate, Alfred Cowles, was a severe blow to him, and Mr. Bross became more and more despondent about his own health, in regard to which he had hitherto been quite hopeful.

THERE lives near Pittsburgh an old lady who has a movable birthday. She had the good fortune to be born on Easter Sunday, and she insists on receiving presents and congratulations on that festival, no matter when it occurs. People have tried to reason with the old lady, calendar in hand, but she replies to them all: "I was born on Easter Sunday morn, fifty-six years ago, and until I die Easter Sunday will be my birthday."

THE fact has now gained recognition in England that the dreadful disease of leprosy is slowly spreading. To gather facts in relation to the scourge in Europe and Asia and to help those stricken, there is a movement on foot. England has created two endowed studentships for the purpose of making a special study of the disease. But the major work of the "National Leprosy Fund" will be to carry medical attendance and human sympathy to poverty-stricken lepers in all parts of the British Empire.

A VERY useful invention, tending to lessen the possibility of accidents in factories, is now being extensively adopted in England. The breaking of a glass, which is adjusted against the wall of every room in the mill, will at once stop the engine, an electric current being established between the room and the throttle valve of the engine, shutting off the steam in an instant. By this means the engine was stopped at one of the mills recently in a few seconds, and a young girl, whose clothes had become entangled in an upright shaft, was released unharmed.

A PECULIAR result of the drinking of ice-cold water from a spring in Stonington, Conn., is reported. The water flows from a creek in a high rock, and the veins of a man who drinks from it begin to swell, and he looks and feels as though he were about to burst. In the next ten minutes The swelling gradually subsides and he remains unaffected, except a slight burning in the nose. It is the talk of the neighborhood, and everybody is eager to try the effect of the water. A specimen has been sent to Boston for analysis.

CHICAGO BUSINESS MEN.

Under this heading THE EAGLE will give every week, as part of its news, the history of some Chicago merchant.

EDWIN A. POTTER.

Edwin A. Potter was born at Bath, Maine, in 1812, and is the son of William Potter and Parnelia (Gilmore) Potter.

His grandfather, William Potter, was a native of Georgetown, Maine, born July 16, 1765, and died May 30, 1831, and was a son of John Potter, who was born in Rhode Island in 1738; his death occurred February 11, 1792, at Georgetown, Maine.

William, the father of E. A., was twice married; first to Jane Mary Morse, of Phippsburgh, Maine, in March, 1833, and by whom he had one child. His second marriage was to Parnelia Gilmore, of Woolrich, Maine; from this union six children were born, all of whom are yet living. Edwin A., the second child of this marriage, was early given a business training in connection with his father's business of lumber and shipbuilding. In 1872, when the branch house was established here, he came to Chicago. Mr. Potter now has a charming home and family at the suburb of Kenwood. In October, 1873, he married Harriet A. Berry, daughter of Colonel Alfred Berry, of Georgetown, Maine. They have three children—William Chapman, Edwin, and Gertrude.

Mr. Potter is one of the great piano firm of Lyon, Potter & Co., just established in Chicago.

A GREAT CONCERN.

The Rice & Bullen Malting Company.

In another column will be found the advertisement of the Rice & Bullen Malting Company. This notable addition to the large manufacturing establishments of the city was made by the organization, early in 1889, of the Rice & Bullen Malting Company, with a capital of \$300,000, the officers being P. H. Rice, President; F. F. Bullen, Vice President, and T. J. Rice, Secretary, and the office at 46 South Clinton street. P. H. Rice, the President, owns a tract of 120 acres of land at West Chicago, six miles from the city, on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, and twenty acres of the tract are used for malting purposes. An expenditure of \$500,000 has been made on the plant, which includes the largest malt-house in the world, having a capacity of 1,600,000 bushels. The company, recognizing the fact that Dakota, Minnesota and the Northwest in general produces the best barley in the world for malting purposes, have utilized this product in their manufacture, and by the application of the most highly improved processes turn out malt which has never been surpassed and seldom equaled, commanding a large trade not only with brewers in Western cities, but an especially large demand by the Eastern brewing trade, who greatly prefer this product to Canadian malt. At the malt-house seventy-five hands are employed, and the favorable location of the plant, with railroad tracks to its very doors, furnishes most complete facilities for ready response to the orders of the trade. To further promote their business the company has established an Eastern office at 6 Stone street, New York, with John Gardes as manager, and branch offices at Cincinnati and Philadelphia. The affairs of the company have the benefit of the active management of experienced business men, all of the officers being practically conversant with and largely interested in business enterprises. Mr. Rice, the President of the company, being also President of the Empire Distilling Company. The business has already reached remarkable proportions and is steadily growing.

To show how abject is the worship of royalty in India, the following extracts from a poem written in Bombay to welcome Prince Albert Victor of Wales are pertinent: "A prince independent in dignity, high in beauty and grace, as lovely as the moon, the world boasts of the abilities of him descended from a royal line most exalted. Born of an heir-apparent, at whose feet the highest heavens do reverence, to whom the world far and wide pays homage, the confronting enemy yields readily to his sword."

At Oldtown, Me., recently a woman was called to the door by her milliner, who wished to collect a bill of \$15. The good woman was sorry to disappoint her, but only a few days previous she had invested her ready money in an organette, and politely ushered her caller into the parlor to examine the instrument. The music box was adjusted, and as the woman reached the piano was filled with the melodious strains of that popular song: "I have fifteen dollars in my inside pocket." The incident was so comical that both laugh and cry in laughter.